

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [02] under BACKGROUND – TECHNICAL FIELD with the following paragraph:

[02] The present invention relates to a procedure and instrument that eliminates maladies of the hands typically associated with the use of substantially thick gloves. This invention is used for inverting glove appendages ~~[,] especially~~ . Well suited but not limited to industrial, heavy duty, lined, rubber gloves~~[,];~~ it can also be ~~used for~~ applied to any thick material glove. Moreover, this invention facilitates the expeditious inversion and subsequent efficient cleaning and/or rapid drying of the lining of the gloves~~[,]~~ , thereby providing a means to maintain healthy morbidity free hands.

Please replace paragraph [03] under BACKGROUND – TECHNICAL FIELD with the following paragraph:

[03] Perspiration soaked, lined rubber gloves are extremely difficult and frustrating and time consuming to invert by hand for efficient cleaning and/or rapid drying of the lining. Also the bacteria and fungus that thrive and multiply in moist, unsanitary rubber gloves precipitates a plethora of health complications ranging from mere discomfort due to itching, chaffing, sore hands, to more severe ailments including fungal infections associated with improper sanitation and desiccation; not to mention the stress, the reduction in concentration, diminished efficiency and lower productivity associated thereof.

Amendments to the Specification continued:

Please add the following new paragraphs preceding paragraph [04] under BACKGROUND-PRIOR ART:

I would like to urge the reader to consider this as a brand new field per se. The present invention deals with a specific field of inversion that is notably absent in development. Most prior art in the field of inversion deals with tools to assist in the manufacture of products. Others deal with oblong finished products such as belts, ties, stockings etc. The present invention deals with gloves as finished products, the purpose of which is to provide a means to maintain healthy morbidity free hands for the users of a variety of thick material gloves.

Fabric inversion of all kinds have employed the use of numerous and varied tools. U.S. Patent No. 4,749,111 by Hardwick appears similar in structure to the present invention, however there are significant differences, especially the technique employed to invert a fabric and the field of application is dissimilar.

Please replace paragraph [04] under BACKGROUND-PRIOR ART with the following paragraph:

[04] U.S. patent # 6,568,572 to Smith is ~~the closest prior art related to the present invention.~~ quite similar to the present invention on the surface. Even though it performs the same function as the present invention, it consists of 3 components and requires twice as many steps and requires at least twice as much time to perform the function of inverting glove appendages. Moreover it incurs an added expense to manufacture an additional component. ~~Accordingly, the present invention~~ Therefore the need exists for an improvement in the field that costs less to manufacture and is more efficient and requires less time to perform the function of inverting glove appendages. Also the present invention is lighter and more compact.

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Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [04] under BACKGROUND-PRIOR ART:

Furthermore there are significant improvements the present invention provides. The new technology of the present invention is practically unnoticeable. Precisely, the configured tip of the guide provides a means to insure continuous engagement with the tip of the glove appendages, thereby increasing efficiency and reducing the time necessary to perform the function of inverting glove appendages.

Moreover, the technique is dissimilar. U.S. Patent No. 6,568,572 employs a method of insertion: insert the tube into the glove appendage socket; subsequently insert the pushrod into the tube to invert the appendage. Whereas the present invention utilizes a technology based upon a guiding principal, wherein the configuration of the tip of the guide provides a means to insure continuous engagement of the tip of the glove appendage thereby resulting in complete inversion by virtue of a definitive guidance procedure.

Please replace paragraph [05] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[05] The purpose of the present invention is to promote a healthy, morbidity free environment in relation to the hands in the workplace and at home by offering an expeditious and trouble free method procedure and instrument for inverting glove appendages, thereby facilitating efficient cleaning and/or rapid drying of the lining[-], thus providing a means to maintain healthy morbidity free hands.

Amendments to the Specification continued:

Please replace paragraph [06] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[06] It is accordingly one object of the present invention to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that is easy to use.

Please replace paragraph [07] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[07] It is another object of the present invention to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that eliminates the frustration and difficulty altogether of inverting glove appendages by hand.

Please replace paragraph [08] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[08] Another object of the present invention is to provide a time saving ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages.

Please replace paragraph [09] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[09] A further object of the present invention is to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that facilitates efficient cleaning and prompt drying of the lining.

Amendments to the Specification continued:

Please replace paragraph [010] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[010] A further object of the present invention is to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that is durable and easy to manufacture.

Please replace paragraph [011] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[011] An even further object of the present invention is to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that is extremely inexpensive to produce.

Please replace paragraph [012] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[012] An even further object of the present invention is to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that can be used on a variety of gloves and glove sizes.

Please replace paragraph [013] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES with the following paragraph:

[013] An even further object of the present invention is to provide a ~~device~~ procedure and instrument to invert glove appendages that is detachable thus making it portable.

Amendments to the Specification continued:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [013] under OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES:

Finally, a further object of the present invention is to provide a procedure and instrument that eliminates maladies of the hands from minor to severe including fungal infections typically associated with the use of substantially thick gloves.

Please replace paragraph [014] under SUMMARY with the following paragraph:

[014] In accordance with the present invention, a commonly known principal is used in a novel manner to expedite inverting gloves ~~my glove inverter comprises a base and a pushrod. This is a device for inverting glove appendages expeditiously~~; especially well suited but not exclusively limited to, industrial-heavy duty- lined-rubber gloves; thereby facilitating efficient cleaning and/or rapid drying of the lining, thus providing a means to maintain [-] ~~The present invention promotes healthy morbidity free hands in the workplace and at home.~~

Please replace paragraph [016] under BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF VIEWS with the following amended paragraph:

[016] FIG. 1 is a frontal view of ~~a glove appendage inverting device~~ the instrument according to one embodiment of the present invention.

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Please replace paragraph [017] under BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF VIEWS with the following amended paragraph:

[017] FIG. 2 is a view of the separate components of the ~~glove appendage inverting device~~ instrument shown in FIG. 1 at a slight angle from above.

Please replace paragraph [019] under DETAILED DESCRIPTION with the following amended paragraph:

[019] The ~~glove appendage inverting device~~ procedure and instrument of the present invention eliminates maladies of the hands typically associated with the use of substantially thick gloves. It is well suited for is especially, but not limited to exclusively, for industrial, heavy duty, lined, rubber-gloves. It can also be used with applied to any thick material glove, such as ski gloves, leather gloves, semi-rubber multi-layered gloves etc.

Please replace paragraph [020] under DETAILED DESCRIPTION with the following amended paragraph:

[020] The present invention allows for the trouble free and expeditious inversion of glove appendages thereby facilitating efficient cleaning and/or subsequent rapid drying thereof of the lining, thereby providing a means to maintain healthy morbidity free hands.

Please replace paragraph [021] under DETAILED DESCRIPTION with the following amended paragraph:

Amendments to the Specification continued:

[021] The present invention consists of a base positioner (1) that has ~~a cavity~~ an orifice (2) with a depth dimensions sufficient to receive and stabilize a ~~pushrod~~ guide (3) and a ~~pushrod~~ the guide (3), having opposing ends of likely similar configurations; both ends configured to allow for the introduction of the tip of glove appendages and provide a means for placement into the orifice (2), thereby providing a means for reciprocity. When assembled the exposed configured end (4) provides a means to insure continuous engagement of the tip of the glove appendages. ~~the tip of which has a cavity (4) opposite to the end that fits into the cavity (2) in the base (1).~~

Please replace paragraph [022] under DETAILED DESCRIPTION with the following amended paragraph:

[022] ~~The base positioner (1) fits comfortably in the palm of a hand~~ is of a size sufficient to provide ease of handling and has an orifice (2), having sufficient dimensions to provide for placement and provide a means to stabilize and secure the guide (3). ~~The pushrod guide (3) is of a size that fits sufficient dimensions to allow for placement into the cavity orifice (2) in the base positioner (1) and of a size sufficient dimensions to provide a means to receive a glove appendage and a length sufficient to and invert the glove appendage without hindrance or interference.~~ Either end of the guide (3) is configured to provide a means for placement in the orifice (2) and the opposite end, the cavity in the tip exposed configured end (4) of the pushrod guide (3) allows for the introduction of the tip of the glove appendages and provides a means to insure continuous engagement of the tip of the glove appendage during the actuation process of inverting glove appendages. ~~The base positioner (1) and pushrod guide (3) are easily detachable, thus making the device portable~~ providing portability. Any material, rigid or flexible that is capable of withstanding the pressure necessary to perform the function of the present invention without fracturing or otherwise rendering it inoperable and can be molded, shaped, cut, cast, manufactured, etc. in the configuration according

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to the invention can be employed in the construction thereof.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [022] under DETAILED DESCRIPTION:

With reference to one preferred non limiting configuration according to the present invention the positioner could be constructed of plastic; having a circular shape with a diameter of approximately 3" and an orifice in the center with a height and diameter of about 1/2" and 9/16" respectively. The exterior of the positioner would have a natural tapered curvature extending from the crest of the perimeter of the orifice wall (app. 1/16") to the perimeter of the positioner, a point 1/8" from the nadir; both edges to be rounded for safety in handling. The underside could be semi hollow, having 3 or more oblong triangular buttresses to provide structural integrity. The guide is of a length that will accommodate a standard glove appendage. One preferred embodiment would be a standard 9/16" dowel approximately 10" in length. Having two opposing ends of practically the same configurations allows for the ends to be used interchangeably thus further providing convenience and speed of application. The ends would preferably be a concave depression of about 3/16" deep thus providing a means to introduce and insure continuous engagement of the tip of glove appendages.

Please replace paragraph [023] under OPERATION with the following amended paragraph:

[023] The operation of the present invention is set forth as follows: ~~fit~~ place the ~~pushrod~~ guide (3) into the ~~cavity~~ orifice (2) in the ~~base~~ positioner (1). In the process of taking the glove off, invert it as much as possible. Engage the tip of the glove appendage with the ~~cavity in the tip~~ configured end (4) of the ~~pushrod~~ guide (3). Use the finger inside the glove appendage to maintain continuous contact with the ~~cavity in the tip~~ configured end (4) of the ~~pushrod~~ guide (3) as you peel the glove

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down over the ~~pushed~~ guide (3) until complete inversion of the glove appendage is accomplished. Repeat the same procedure for the remaining appendages and to return the glove back to the proper side.

Please replace paragraph [024] under CONCLUSIONS, RAMIFICATIONS, AND SCOPE with the following amended paragraph:

[024] Accordingly, you can see that the need for improvement in a brand new field has been addressed by the present invention. The present invention eliminates the difficulty and frustration of inverting glove appendages by hand ~~altogether~~ and further dramatically reduces the time necessary to perform the function of inverting glove appendages. Furthermore, the present invention can be applied much easier, considerably faster and more effectively than by ~~hand~~ any prior art in the field. Further still, complete inversion of glove appendages is accomplished expeditiously thereby facilitating efficient cleaning and/or rapid drying of the lining. Even further, the present invention provides a highly reliable, lightweight, detachable, portable, yet economical ~~device~~ procedure and instrument, that can be applied by persons of almost any age almost anywhere. Moreover, use of the present invention eliminates maladies of the hands typically associated with the use of substantially thick gloves ~~ameliorates the condition of the hands~~ by providing a means to maintain healthy, morbidity free environment hands thus eliminating stress caused by medical problems which affects concentration which affects efficiency which affects productivity in the workplace or at home.

Please replace paragraph [025] under CONCLUSIONS, RAMIFICATIONS, AND SCOPE with the following amended paragraph:

Amendments to the Specification continued:

[025] Although the detailed description above contains specificities, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of the invention, but rather as an exemplification of one preferred embodiment thereof. Other variations are possible. For example, the size can vary, the shape can vary, the colors are variable, the material employed to construct the ~~device~~ instrument can be any material; natural, artificial, composite, etc. Furthermore, all of the components of the present invention can be made from any material(s) that can be rigid or flexible, but capable of withstanding the pressure necessary to perform the function for which it is designed without fracturing or otherwise rendering the ~~device~~ instrument inoperable. Moreover, this ~~device~~ instrument can be used with or without the ~~base positioner~~. Additionally the present invention has been more than reduced to practice, it has been extensively tested and proven to operate flawlessly and as a result of the improved technology, this novel instrument performs the function for which it was designed much more efficiently and faster than any prior art in the field.